



SOLONS WOULD KNOCK OUT GENTLE FOOTBALL

Fire Insurance Pools Too Come in for Regulation by the State Legislature.

SHOWER OF BILLS PRESENTED

Members of Senate Take a Holiday But in the Other House a Raft of Proposed Laws Are Introduced— Delegate Barrett Puts in a Few Measures For Consideration.

(Special to the Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 11.—The members of the Senate took a holiday today, but not so the solons of the House of Delegates. These gentlemen, although they sat only about an hour, introduced a "peck or so" of bills, many of which carry—rather call for—big appropriations. If all of them pass, the State's finances will be sucked as dry as a lemon. Several of the bills related to appropriations for the public schools; one calls for \$50,000 for much needed improvements in the Capitol Square and others suggest various and divers things calculated to benefit the good people of the Old Dominion.

Half Hundred Reserved.

As something like forty or fifty bills flooded Clerk Williams' desk before the sixty minutes' work was over, it may easily be seen that practically every conceivable variety of legislation was suggested. Dr. R. S. Powell of Brunswick, wishes to foster the welfare and safety of the people, and to uphold the dignity of the Commonwealth by prohibiting the "game of football" in the Old Dominion. His bill, which was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges, amidst a roar of laughter, provides that all persons who insist in indulging in this deadly recreation shall pay a fine ranging from \$50 to \$100.

Insurance Bill Comes Up.

A proposed measure of much more practical importance was a bill introduced by Judge Martin Williams, of Giles which bears the title, "To prevent fire insurance companies, associations, partnerships, etc. doing business in this State, or the agents thereof, from entering into combinations to make or control rates for fire insurance and providing a punishment for violations of this act." This bill, which, it is said is the old Wharton law redivivus provides that the managers or agents of the concerns in question shall file with the Auditor an affidavit declaring that the respective fire insurance concerns have entered into no combination or trust for the purpose of preventing competition in this State. The penalty for false affidavits ranges from \$100 to \$1,000.

It has been known all along that war on the insurance companies would be renewed at this session of the Legislature, and Judge Williams' bill probably throws down the gauntlet, and means the first step in a battle that will be exceedingly interesting: **Delegates Arrive Early.** Buttonholing and persuasive arguments preceded the session today in the old, sweet way. The delegates came early to the capitol. A quorum could have been picked up in the building any time after eleven o'clock. Cozy corner conferences were in progress for more than an hour in every part of the capitol.

Delegate Lion's resolution, adopted at yesterday's session of the house which excludes many of those formerly admitted to the floor, is coming in for a good deal of criticism. A demand for more liberal regulations will follow the enforcement of the resolution.

Outsiders Are Barred Out.

Colonel Newhouse, first doorkeeper, called attention to the resolution at the opening of today's session. The speaker instructed him to enforce it, which he did reluctantly. While the newspaper men were not held up at the door the resolution really excludes them. The proceedings today were opened

with prayer by the Rev. Russell Cecil of the second Presbyterian church. A message from the governor was the first business. He sent in the nomination of Mr. Willard as corporation commissioner and Judge Moomaw's nomination. Both of these were made in vacation.

Four new pages were appointed, James Hawkins, of Fredericksburg, G. Garrett Cousins, of Clendons; Peyton Moss, of Buckingham; and Chester Truslow, of Falmouth.

Just a Few of the Bills.

The following bills were submitted today:

Bills By Barrett

W. E. Barrett: A bill to require the closing of all places for the sale of spirituous, malt or intoxicating liquors between the hours of twelve o'clock at night and five o'clock in the morning, and to prohibit the sale of such liquors between said hours. A fine of from \$50 to \$100 is imposed for violation of the law. It is provided no police officer shall receive any part of the fine.

W. E. Barrett: To amend and reenact section 21, of chapter 4, of an act concerning public service corporations, approved Jan. 18, 1904, so as to require the separation of white and colored passengers on cars operated by electricity.

W. E. Barrett: To amend and reenact section 3804 of the code of Virginia as amended by an act approved March 5, 1900, and as amended by an act approved March 15, 1904, relating to the closing of bars, saloons and other places for the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sundays. The penalties prescribed are a fine of from \$100 to \$500, a term of from five to thirty days in jail and the loss of license.

Mr. Massie: To provide for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and to establish courts of land registration, with jurisdiction for said purposes.

Football a Penal Offense.

R. S. Powell: A bill to prohibit the game of football in the State of Virginia. A penalty of from \$50 to \$500 for each offense is prescribed.

Eugene Oubr: A bill for the limitation of tax accounts.

To provide separate tickets for poll tax.

Mr. Caton: To provide for setting apart and appropriating a portion of the general revenue of the Commonwealth for the support of public schools.

W. D. Cardwell: To place a bronze tablet in the capitol building with the names thereon of the commissioners, clerks, architect and contractor, under whose supervision the work of remodeling the building was done.

E. P. Cox: To appropriate \$50,000 for improvements on the State buildings, grounds and walkways and driveways in the Capitol Square.

N. E. Spessant: Making additional appropriations of money for the benefit of the primary and grammar grade schools of the State.

Normal School for Williamsburg.

R. T. Gregory: To amend and reenact an act entitled "an act to establish a normal school at Williamsburg and Mary college in connection with its collegiate course."

C. W. Throckmorton: To provide for ascertaining the amount of delinquent taxes chargeable against each piece of land in this State, requiring proper regulation of the same, and providing for its collection.

R. W. Withers: To authorize the court in which he is tried to sentence certain prisoners to hard labor on the public roads, instead of to confinement in the penitentiary, for the commission of a felony.

To permit certain persons charged with crime and unable to furnish bail bond or not let to bail, with the consent of the commonwealth's attorney, to work in chain-gangs on county roads.

T. W. Jennings: To provide for the appointment of a secretary of Virginia military record and to make an appropriation for the salaries and expenses of that office.

One General Hanging Place.

To require all criminals sentenced to death to be executed at the State penitentiary.

Authorizing a bonded indebtedness for the purpose of conducting and improving public roads.

To provide for the working of State quarries by convicts.

To establish a State highway commission.

By J. K. Caton: A bill in relation to the assessment for local taxation of the rolling stock of railroad corporation.

TWO ALLEGED STOCK FORGERS CAPTURED

Arrests Are Made in the Norfolk and Western Bogus Stock Certificate Crime.

ORIGINAL PLATE IS RECOVERED

Securities Were Fictitious in Blocks of One Hundred Each—One of Accu- sed Led a Meteoric Career in Goth- am Where He Has Been Behind Prison Bars.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Following the arrest today of Samuel Humphreys, a newspaper writer, on a charge of selling a bogus certificate of 100 shares of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company to a dealer in securities in this city, it was learned that 500 of the bogus certificates were printed and that the operations appear to have been planned on a large scale.

As only four or five of the certificates have been discovered and each of them is for 100 shares with an aggregate market value of about \$8,000, it is evident that the amount realized by the operators is large if they have disposed of many of the certificates. The police say that they believe that at least three men had a hand in the transaction.

Sale Made Last September.

Humphreys was arraigned on an affidavit, alleging that he acted in concert with C. Augustus Seton, in selling a forged certificate to Barnard and Clark, of this city, last September, for \$8,000. He was held in \$2,500 bail for examination tomorrow. In default of bail he was remanded to police headquarters.

According to information given out at the detective bureau Humphreys went to the office of Barnard and Clark, of this city with a letter introducing himself as "Mr. Collins," a wealthy builder of Philadelphia, and presented two forged certificates of the Norfolk and Western which he wanted disposed of at the market value, between \$14,000 and \$15,000.

Original Plate Recovered.

The lithograph from which the bogus certificates were made, together with incriminating correspondence have been turned over to the district attorney's office. A proof of the certificates and a forged order for stock certificates addressed to the Hamilton Park Shoe Company and purporting to be signed by the president of the Norfolk and Western Railway was found by the detectives in a search of the effects of a suspect in another case, last September.

Used an Official Letter.

Humphreys, the police say, went to the Hamilton Bank Note Company in this city and showing a letter written on the stationery of the Norfolk and Western and purporting to come from the President of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, ordered 500 certificates of 100 shares of common stock each. They were made in two blocks.

That Humphreys should have been able to present the forged letter from the President of the Norfolk and Western on the railroad's official stationery causes the police to believe that there was another accomplice and that he is probably an employe in the office of the Norfolk and Western. The police say that this suspected accomplice probably secured a blank stock certificate and stationery of the Norfolk and Western railway for Humphreys.

The Bank Note Company assisted the railway company in bringing the guilty parties to justice.

Seton Arrested Too.

Seton, who was arrested last night near Elkton, Md., charged with grand larceny, comes from Cleveland and is said to be well known there. He inherited \$40,000 from his father.

Soon after he came to New York he got up the National India Famine Relief Fund. He was arrested twice in connection with that. One charge was that he had collected money from a lot of young women who had applied for work as stenographers, and another charge was that he had forged the name of a society woman to his subscription appeal. He was in the Tombs for two months and was then discharged, the complainant having gone to Europe. That was in 1900.

Seton's wife was a Miss Cram, of Columbus, daughter of a former postmaster. She is his second wife. They occupied expensive apartments in Fifth avenue here while Seton was a banker and offering to float bonds. They left the Fifth avenue place last October.

WALL STREET THREATS DENOUNCED IN SENATE

Stock Gamblers Are Held in Their True Worth by One Member of the Upper House.

TARIFF DEBATE GROWS WARM

Williams and Grosvenor Clash Over the Philippines and Latter Says He Does Not Want Democratic Votes to Pass Bill—Mississippians Say Republicans Fear to Make Changes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Before going into executive session today the Senate listened to a speech by Mr. Heyburn in support of his bill creating a national board for the control of corporations in which he denounced Wall street because of its alleged interference with the affairs of the country.

He said that when the "street" could not dictate the financial course of the government, it was ever ready to threaten disaster and he pleaded for legislation that would rob it of such power for evil.

Another Hot Tariff Debate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Philippine tariff debate in the House today consisted more of party maneuvering for advantageous campaign material than of discussion of the question at issue.

Mr. Adams, of Wisconsin, opposed the bill, but advocated a readjustment of the tariff on business principles.

Mr. McKinlay, of California, delivered his first speech in the House in favor of the pending measure and pointed a finger of warning towards the growing industries of Japan.

Grosvenor Gets Critical.

Placing a part of the responsibility for the consequences of the Spanish war on the Democratic party, Mr. Grosvenor recounted the influence of Mr. Bryan in securing the ratification of the treaty of peace. Mr. Grosvenor repudiated Democratic votes for the pending bill.

"Let them ride in the Jim Crow car and not in the first class compartment with me," he said.

Referring to Massachusetts Mr. Grosvenor said that state should remember the adage "never go back on them that brought you up by hand."

"What hand?" interjected Minority Leader Williams.

Acknowledges Supreme Power.

"The hand of God and the Republican party," was the quick reply. When the laughter had quieted Mr. Williams said:

"I want to recognize the unusual magnanimity of the gentleman in naming God just once as the senior member of the firm" (laughter).

As to a revision of the tariff Mr. Williams asserted that it did not need a prophet to see that the Republican party was not going to revise the tariff.

"The Republican party in its present decadent condition has neither the brains nor the courage to remedy the tariff, and that is the reason why you are going to have a Democratic House of Representatives at the next election," he said.

Sugar Imports Enormous.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Sugar valued at \$148,575,245 was imported into the United States during the last eleven months.

Nearly all the sugar brought into this country is produced from cane, and the United States consumes fully one half of the cane sugar produced in the world. The domestic sugar crop of 1904 was 1,167,250,560 pounds.

47 Votes Are Pledged.

Those congressmen who are holding out for free and full debate on the Statchood bill claim to have secured 47 pledged Republican votes enough with aid from the Democrats to defeat those who wish to jam through the bill as formed.

Sea Level Canal Wanted.

European members of the Board of Engineers who favored a sea

level canal have signed the report according to a cablegram received by Secretary of War Taft today.

Naval Detention Camp for Virginia.

An appropriation of \$30,000 has been asked for to be used in erecting buildings to be used as a detention camp for newly enlisted men in the navy at the St. Helena reservation in Virginia.

Root Takes Care of Law Partner.

Henry L. Stimson, a member of the Elihu Root law firm, has been decided upon as the successor of General Henry Burnet, District Attorney in New York city. The position, under the fee system, pays \$60,000 a year.

Alexandria Wants the President

Representative Rixey headed a delegation from Alexandria that today invited the President to take part in the memorial exercises that are to be held in that city February 22. A detachment of Soldiers and Sailors are to be sent there and Washington's memory will be fittingly honored.

Roosevelt Becomes a Red Man.

The President was made an honorary member of the order of Red Men today by Chief Inchoance Cherry of Norfolk who went through the rites of the order in the White House. The President is the only honorary member of the order in the world.

Morocco Discussed Again.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—In secret session today the Senate discussed the status of Senator Bacon's Moroccan resolution for three hours and in the end it was left on the calendar.

GERMANS IN READINESS FOR WAR WITH FRANCE

Those in Denmark Warned to Be Ready for Return for Military Service.

(By Associated Press.)
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, Jan. 11.—All German citizens living in Denmark who are liable for military service in the Fatherland have been warned to hold themselves in readiness to return to Germany upon three days' notice.

EPISCOPALIANS TO MEET.

All Arrangements Have Been Made For the Convention in 1907.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, Jan. 11.—The primary meeting of those interested in the gathering of the general convention of the Episcopal church to be held here in October, 1907, has appointed a finance committee, consisting of one member of each of the Richmond congregations and an executive committee to have charge of all active arrangements and to appoint all sub-committees.

The meeting was called by Bishop Gibson. The executive committee is as follows: Rev. W. M. Clark, chairman, Rev. Messrs. Gravatt, Goodwyn, and Forsyth, and Messrs. Joseph Bryan, James Caskie and Lewis Aylett.

COTTON GROWERS MEET.

Negro Delegates Attend the Con- vention in New Orleans.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11.—Full and representative attendance from the cotton growing states, the Southern Cotton Growers Association opened a three day session here today.

A feature that attracted attention was the presence of a negro delegation from Hinds county, Miss. Secretary Woods, of the Mississippi Association, said they were regular delegates and entitled to seats.

JUMPED FROM BAY LINE SHIP.

Washington Man May Have Com- mitted Suicide in Bay.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A man who either fell or jumped from a Bay Line steamer between Norfolk and Baltimore Tuesday night, is believed to be John F. McCormick, a real estate broker and contractor of this city.

McCormick has been missing since Sunday.

Hart to Meet Burns.

(By Associated Press.)
BUTTE, MONT., Jan. 11.—Arrangements have been completed for a match between Marvin Hart and Tommy Burns for the heavy-weight championship of the world. The bout will be held in Los Angeles, February 23rd.

JAIL EMPTIED TO SAVE PRISONERS FROM FIRE

Militia Called Out and is Now Guarding Them in the Court House Square.

NORFOLK PEANUT PLANT BURNED

Fully 10,000 Bags of Gubera Make a Hot Blaze Which Does About \$100, 000 Damage—Live Wires Cause a Few Accidents—Nine Prisoners Es- cape.

(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 11.—A fire that is said to have originated by spontaneous combustion tonight in the four story brick peanut factory of the Norfolk Storage Company, in Plume street, between the city jail and the foundry of Whitehurst and Company, entirely destroying that building, damaged the east wing of the jail and falling walls crushed the foundry like an egg shell.

275 Prisoners Rescued.

All of the 275 prisoners in the jail were marched to the police barracks under a guard of police, but nine escaped before they had been transferred to rooms in the courthouse when the flames endangered the barracks. Among these is Solomon Greenstein, held for perjury in the United States Court.

Mayor Riddle called out four companies of the seventy-first regiment and they are now guarding the prisoners and courthouse square.

City in Danger.

For a time the business section of the city was dangerously threatened. No fatalities occurred, but several people were injured, among them B. Gray Tunstall, chairman of the street, sewer and drain committee, who was struck by a falling live wire. A silk hankdkerchief around Police Patrolman W. P. Burnham's neck acted as a non-conductor and saved his life when the same wire struck him.

Loss is \$100,000.

The loss will be more than \$100,000. Ten thousand bags of peanuts were destroyed with a great amount of valuable machinery. The proximity of the fire to the central power house caused all electric current to be cut off and for many hours the city was in darkness and car traffic was at a standstill.

The blaze started at 8:30 o'clock and was not under control until about 9:30. A hook and ladder truck was smashed to pieces by the falling walls and several firemen narrowly escaped death.

Fire Destroys Big Steel Plant.

GREENVILLE, PA., Jan. 11.—Fire starting from an explosion destroyed the works of the Carnegie Steel Company here tonight, entailing a loss of about \$600,000. Two men were badly burned.

A fire in the boiler of a heating furnace blew out deluging the furnace below which exploded, scattering fire in all directions.

NEGROES "BAD ACTORS"

One is Sent to Prison for 90 Days and Another is Held for Robbery.

(Special to the Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 11.—Walter Martin, a negro servant in the home of Dr. Edward Eggleston, was sentenced to ninety days in jail in Police Court today, for robbing Dr. Eggleston's safe three times, taking \$30 altogether.

John Scott, a negro, yesterday arrested upon a warrant charging him with robbing Nat. Pryor, another negro.

Gaynor-Greene Case Drags Along.

(By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 11.—Judge Spear upon the conclusion of arguments today, took under consideration the demurrer in the special plea to "indictment number 371" under which Greene and Gaynor were extradited from Canada.